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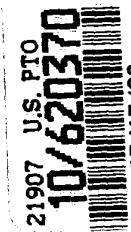
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Masanori AOKI and Yoshinori ISHIZAWA
PNEUMATICALLY OPERATED NAIL GUN HAVING CYLINDER
FLOATING PREVENTION ARRANGEMENT
Assignee: HITACHI KOKI CO., LTD.
Our Ref. Q76602

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising seventeen (17) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, five (5) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	6	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$790.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



Mr. Kazuhiro Kitazawa
KITAZAWA & KOIZUMI
July 17, 2003

In order to avoid possible late fees, all such information which is now known should be sent to us in sufficient time for filing by **October 17, 2003**. For information which may later become known, please send us such information in sufficient time for filing within three months from the date the information was first known to anyone involved in the preparation or prosecution of this application, together with the date the information was first known.

Priority has been claimed under the International Convention from **July 19, 2002**.

Thank you for referring this matter to us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darryl Mexic'. Below the signature, the name 'Darryl Mexic' is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

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